European Social Partners Seminar

Tackling the gender pay gap and promoting childcare

Agenda

12 June 2018

Auditorium, ITUH
Boulevard Roi Albert II 5, Brussels

08:30 – 09:00  Participants’ registration and welcome coffee

09:00 – 10:00  Separate meetings of employers and trade unions

10:00 – 10:15  Opening

- Ms Gloria Mills, ETUC Women’s Committee President
- Ms Minna Etu-Seppälä, Chair, Equal Opportunities Network, BusinessEurope
- Ms Carlotta Astori, Project Officer, CEEP
- Mr Arnold De Boer, Adviser for Social Affairs, UEAPME

European Commission address

The EU Action Plan 2017-2019 on tackling the gender pay gap and EU policy to improve childcare provision in Europe

10:15 – 11:00

- Ms Karen Vandekerckhove, Head of Unit, Gender Equality
  Gender Pay Gap Action Plan; Barcelona targets report
- Ms Manuela Geleng, Acting Director, Social Affairs
  After school care; Funding in current and future MFF and investing in children

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee break
Tackling the gender pay gap

Moderators: Mr Guillaume Afellat CEEP; Ms Cinzia Sechi ETUC
- Mr Willem Adema, Senior Economist, OECD: The Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC)
- Ms Hildegarde Van Hove, Institut pour l’égalité des femmes et des hommes, Belgium
- Mr Thomas Fischer, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany
- Ms Trine Birgitte Hougaard, Chefkonsulent, Danish Employers Confederation (DA)
- Ms Anja Lahermaa, Lawyer, STTK-Finland

11:30 – 13:00  Discussion

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch

Investing in childcare

Moderators: Mr Mathias Maucher EPSU; Mr Guillaume Cravero, BusinessEurope
- Ms Nihan Koseleci Blanchy, Education Economist, European Investment Bank
- Ms Alexia Vella, Malta’s employment agency Jobs Plus

14:00 – 14:45  Discussion

The need to improve childcare provision in Europe

Moderators: Ms Barbara Helfferich, ETUC; Mr Guillaume Cravero, BusinessEurope
- Ms Åsa Bäckström, Development Secretary at the Early Childhood Education, Unit of Development, City of Malmö
- Ms Lucilla Pirovano, FP CGIL Italy
- Ms Ainhoa Vermunt, Unizo

14:45 – 16:00  Discussion

16:00 – 16:30  Coffee break

Concluding panel: The way forward

16:30 – 17:00  - Mr Maxime Cerutti, Social Affairs Director, BusinessEurope
- Ms Montserrat Mir, ETUC Confederal Secretary
- Mr Guillaume Afellat, Policy Advisor, CEEP
- Mr Arnold De Boer, Adviser for Social Affairs, UEAPME

17.00  End of the seminar